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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Accompanying this amendment is a petition for a one month extension of time, from March 15, 2007, through April 15, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.